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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. Application of: Yoshihiro HARA
For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS
U.S. Serial No.: 10/655,938
Confirmation No.: 7008
Filed: September 5, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2856
Examiner: To Be Assigned

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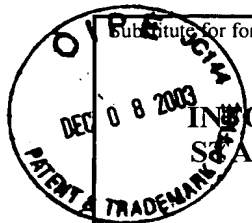
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